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And now for a Barbecue Summer?

Patronal Day Festival



You are cordially invited to celebrate the Patronal Day Festival of St Swithin's Church Clunbury, on St Swithin's Day, 15 July.

Celebrations start at 1pm with a **Barbecue Hog Roast**

complete with salads and vegetarian options, and a scrumptious pudding table

at the Old Vicarage, Clunbury followed at 4pm by

Songs of Praise at the Church

Tickets for the barbecue:

Adults: £10 - Children under 14: £4

Available from:

Maddy Matveieff 660458

Mary Jones 660316

Christina Whitehead 660424

All proceeds to Clunbury Church

Any offers of help or puddings would be gratefully received. This will be the first service taken at Clunbury Church by our new vicar, the Revd Paul Wignell. Do join us to welcome him and his wife and celebrate St Swithin's Day by singing the hymns that mean most to you. Do please let Christina Whitehead, Mary Jones or Maddy Matveieff know what those hymns are.

Clunton Village Hall Chairman's Barbecue

Sunday 29 July
starts 4.00pm
Contact Alan Grace
660652



Clunbury Café

Opening Thursday 5 July
10.00am to 12.00

then every other Thursday

Tea or coffee
(with refills)
and a slice of cake



all for £1

Come along to the Village Hall
and chat with your friends &
neighbours

There will also be a plant and
produce bring-and-buy. Please

support this if you can

In aid of Village Hall funds

*For more details contact David or Sue
on 660355*

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Twenty Four and Counting

What an amazing way to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee when Clunton and friends celebrated in "royal" style at Cwm Bydd Farm high up in the hills. There was a banquet of food with a hog roast and sumptuous "puds" The highlight of the night came when the beacon was lit whilst the full moon gave us its own spectacular sight. Gradually with the help of a fantastic panoramic view, we watched as one by one beacons were lit along the valley and far away over the Long Mynd and Clee Hill and beyond, counting at least 24 at one time.

Congratulations and many thanks to all who worked so hard before and on the night to make the occasion a great success and special thanks to Carol and Jonathon for allowing us to invade their peace at Cwm Bydd Farm and giving us a night to remain always in our memories.

Sheila Hindle

Ringing in the Jubilee

Clun Valley ringers joined together on Saturday 2 June, to ring in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second's Diamond Jubilee. Over 20 ringers, including six learners rang at Clungunford, Clunbury and Clun.

In addition, Jude Crighton, John Croxton, Barbara Freeman, Helen and Alex Sharpe, and Roger Webb rang a quarter peal at Clunbury on Sunday 3 June, after the Jubilee Service to mark the event.



Some of the Clun Valley ringers who took part in Saturday's ringing

Jubilee Beacon Party

Some 160 of us watched the Beacons light up as far as the eye could see: an amazing and moving sight, as we argued about whether that was The Wrekin or not, and those who really knew their Shropshire Hills put the rest of us to shame! Best comments: 'Golly, all these years I have spent telling children about the Armada and Beacons – and I never thought I would see them myself' (Sylvia Grace, "aged 21"), and 'I think this is the bestest day of my whole life so far!' (Lily Jones aged 7), winner of the girls' Jubilee Themed Hat Competition.

A highlight of the Beacon Party was the sumptuous and groaning pudding table (and thank you so very much to all who so generously and creatively contributed to it) which took so long to absorb, so to speak, that we got a bit rushed by Beacon Lighting Time. And once it was lit – and other lights started sparkling on our hills and in our valleys - there was no dragging anyone back to the business of quizzes and raffles (see next page).

Thanks to all of you who made it such a memorable evening – pudding-makers, tent erectors, table decorators and all the other volunteers who made it work, were all wonderfully generous with their time and energy. And finally, thank you to Her Majesty the Queen, whose exemplary reign has given us all such a marvellous reason to celebrate.

Clunton Village Hall Committee

PS We have a large white oval plate and a wooden slotted spatula unaccounted for – if they are yours please ring Pat Harding 660169.

Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

Clunbury enjoyed a special Diamond Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving taken by the Rev Ann Ogram, with a large congregation including lots of children, who all sang their hearts out, and then enjoyed delicious cakes, coffee and wine, including a wonderful Jubilee Union Jack cake made by Annie Sutton.

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Round-Up

As the rain was pouring outside, we stayed in church for the celebratory photos, taken

by Rose Evans, which can be viewed on theparishpost.org website. Thank you to everyone who blew up endless balloons, and put up bunting and flags, and arranged the beautiful flowers to match! Thank you too to the bellringers who rang a flawless 'Quarter Peal' for us. We are most grateful to Pat for playing for us, and to our readers, one of whom only just made it in the nick of time! But it all added to the feeling of celebration and enjoyment together.

Christina Whitehead

Jubilee Quiz

For those who missed it at the time the questions are available on the website www.theparishpost.org but for all those who completed the Jubilee Twenty One Questions and are still wondering what dog HM the Queen breeds at Sandringham, here are the answers...

- 1) Elizabeth II, 2) Union Jack, 3) Bunting,
- 4) India, 5) Jamaica, 6) Edward,
- 7) Labrador, 8) Jubilee, 9) Sir Winston Churchill, 10) 31, 11) 1919, with Peace Teas, to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty, 12) 25, 13) Windsor Castle,
- 14) Lillibet, 15) Buckingham Palace,
- 16) 1992, 17) 8, 18) Westminster Abbey,
- 19) 11, 20) Underwear – bras and corsets, 21) Forth Road Bridge

Draw in aid of Air Ambulance

Thanks to all those who bought tickets and donated prizes. Due to the precise timing of the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon we did not have time to finish the draw. Hopefully you will not have thrown your tickets away as the winners are: Serial number AHIV LG4Q: 351-355; 381-385. Serial number RG91 HX4K: 696-700; 711-715; 791-795; 851-855. LUCKY TICKET DRAW: number 45. Pat Harding has the prizes, so if you have won, please contact her to arrange collection. Tel: 660169 or 07909 882014.

Tracy Price had accumulated an astonishing number of prizes, any that are not claimed will be put up for raffle again at the Chairman's Barbecue on July 29 at Clunton Village Hall. The raffle raised £163 for the Air Ambulance, and as the Village Hall made a profit on the evening, we will send £200 off to support this essential service.

Last but not Least

The unsung heroes of Clunton Village Hall Committee must not be forgotten. They worked long and tirelessly to produce a superb and truly memorable evening for the community. They are (in no particular order): Jack and Jenny Huffer, Tracy Price, Alan Grace, Ian Davies, Pat Harding and Malcolm Smith. Without them the whole thing would not have happened and it certainly would not have been as wonderful as it truly was. Thank you from us all.



Generations join together at the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

Scrumpers Broach Cider Barrel

As usual a great event - the rain kept off, the cider and the food were good. We are still looking for people who would like a couple of fruit trees £5 each. Phone Anne Shepherdson 660309.



Harry samples the cider

Clunbury 100 Club Welcomes New Members

Subscriptions (£12/year) for the Club, which supports Clunbury Church, are due now for 2012/13. Open to all – anyone wishing to join contact Maddy Matveieff, 660458 or Mary Jones, 660316

June Draw Results

1. No 97 Julia Brereton £20
2. No 72 Tony Pugh £15
3. No 37 Pat Turley £10
4. No 26 Joan Halliday £5
5. No 79 June Gissing £3

Carers' Support Services

Drop In Surgeries at Clun (Hazlehurst Community Room), Thursday 5 July 2 - 4pm, and Bishop's Castle (The Pharmacy), Thursday 12 July 2 - 4pm.

For further information or to book an appointment please contact Jenny or Dice on 01694 722024.

Carers' Support Services Shropshire is available to all Carers in Shropshire. It is a service provided by the Community Council of Shropshire and Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton.

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Holiday Club

“CUTHBERT’S PLUS”!

Monday 6 – Friday 10 August 2012

Every afternoon, 2.00 - 5.00pm
at St Cuthbert's, Clungunford

For children & young people of school age

Forms available in local churches from the second week in July or can be requested by phoning the number below

If you are beyond school age and would like to offer help, or if you have any

queries, please contact

Sandra Schofield 660158

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE

FINALE ON THE FRIDAY

at 5.30pm to hear and see what's been happening and to share refreshments

Clun Carnival

Look out in the town for posters giving details of all events taking place during the Clun Carnival from 22 July up to 5 August.

Carnival Concert

Sunday 22 July at 7.30pm
St George's Church

An enjoyable evening with the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir and Bettws Ladies, with guest soloist Ruth Gittins. Wine will be available at an extra charge. Tickets £5, from Richard Bright on 640541

Cream Teas

Sunday 29 July
between 3 and 5pm

at the home of Sue Dowell in Church Street. Bring and Buy and a draw, with tickets at £3.50.

Carnival Procession and Show

Saturday 4 August

Hundred House Special

Steak and Fish Themed Menu Night
Friday 6 July

Broadband Misery

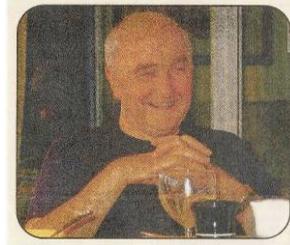
Are you on the telephone line that snakes its way from Little Brampton, through Clunbury and out to the Twitchen? And how reliable is your broadband? It does not matter whether you get broadband from BT or any other supplier – it all totters along the same aged cabling. Right at the end of a spur up Redwood Lane the residents are in dispute with BT, they had broadband quite happily for two years, then on February 22nd this year, with no warning, their broadband disappeared, never to reconnect again! Their complaints have gone right to the top of BT, and an assistant to the Chief Executive has told them they are too far from the exchange... of course their house has not moved. If there are any other sufferers of poor, non-existent, or interrupted service on this line perhaps we could get together and lobby for new cabling to be installed. This particular complaint is now going to the Ombudsman Service – and any evidence of other failures on this particular line would be helpful to all of us, not just the residents of Redwood Lane. Email me, Carol Griffiths on carolgriffiths@btinternet.com, or ring on 660304.

Shropshire County Council are aware of the problems rural areas experience and a campaign has been launched to encourage residents and businesses to pledge their support for bringing better broadband to Shropshire. The Government has ploughed £8.2 million into the Connecting Shropshire project, with the same being invested by Shropshire Council, and it has now reached the crucial stage where your help is needed. Register at www.connectingshropshire.co.uk to show your support – you are not signing up to anything, just showing you would consider having superfast broadband if it became available. Anyone who does not have

internet access can fill in the survey at their local library or Broadplace. Alternatively you can call Shropshire Council's customer service team on 0345 678 9000 and an adviser will be able to take your details.

Death of Michael Meredith

Sadly we lost a choir chum, Michael Meredith, on May 1st, who, at the time of his death lived in Cowbridge.



Mike was a remarkable man, and we remember the Meredith family in full choir with the father Harry (our Choir master),

Dorothy (Michael's sister, a beautiful soprano) and his 3 brothers: Charlton, Ivor and Roger; Michael was the youngest. When they were joined by some of the Goodman family it made a glorious sight: their reds and blacks and the lovely white cassocks were swaying as they sang their way up the aisle to the choir stalls. Their tenor, alto and bass voices sounded so harmonious that it would bring tears to our eyes -and we were only young 'uns. We were so proud to be a part of Clunbury Church Choir that you had to wait to join.

Brian grew up with the Merediths and still speaks very fondly of their lifelong happy friendship.

Our commiserations to Michael's family and brother Roger.

Sandra Morgan

Castle Artists

Summer Exhibition
upstairs function room
Castle Hotel, Bishop's Castle
21 - 30 July open daily 11.00am - 5.00pm
Preview 20 July 6.30 - 8.30pm

Events Diary for July 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details			
Sun 1	10.30am-12.30pm	Bloomin' Marvellous - converting grassland to a wildflower meadow	Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Sun 1	6.30pm	Evensong BCP	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 4	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 4		Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 5	10.00am - noon	Clunbury Café. Tea / coffee and cake for £1. Also plant and produce bring-and-buy.	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 8	11.00am	Mattins	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 8	6.30pm	Evensong BCP	St. Mary's, Clunton
Mon 9	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 10		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 11	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thur 12	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 15	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Clunton
Sun 15	1.00pm 4.00pm	St Swithin's Church Patronal Festival Barbecue hog roast Songs of Praise	Old Vicarage, Clunbury St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 17	2.30pm	Bible Study Group	9 Redwood Drive, AoC
Tue 17	7.30pm	Bedstone WI - Jean Price - flower arranging	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 18	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 19	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea / coffee and cake for £1. 10am to noon	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 21	10.00am-2.00pm	AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training. Phone 640856 for details	Kempton Village Hall
Sun 22	11.00am	Holy Communion CW	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 24		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 25	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 25	7.30pm	South Shropshire Gardening Club - Jessica Pannett: 'Preparing for the show bench'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 26	9.00pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 27	9.00pm	Live Music: Wayne Martin Band	White Horse, Clun
Sun 29	10.30am	Benefice Service	Bettws
Sun 29	4.00pm	Chairman's Barbecue	Clunton Village Hall
Events Diary for early August 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details			
Thur 2	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea / coffee and cake for £1. 10am to noon	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 4	10.00am-2.00pm	AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training. Phone 640856 for details	Lambeth Friendship Centre, Craven Arms
Sat 4		Clun Carnival and Show	
Mon 6	pm	CUTHBERT'S PLUS holiday club until Fri 10th	St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Don't forget it's Purslow Show on Monday 27 August—start planning your entries now!			

Clun Valley AED Scheme

The next training sessions will be 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 21 July at Kempton Village Hall and on Saturday 4 August at Lambeth Friendship Centre, opposite Craven Arms Discovery Centre. Phone Eddy on 640856 for details.